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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.

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Customer No. 026418

Applicant(s): Kazutoshi ISHIKAWA and Hisashi YAMAMOTO

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PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action of May 29, 2002.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$110.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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